Souji Okita: A Promise of Eternity

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Summary: Souji couldn't keep his promises back in the Shogun era, and

finally he found Chizuru yet again. Love continues for the two of

them.

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Souji Okita Fanfic

\*Zuisouroku Souji's letter & Hakuoki OST are my inspirations & a tear-jerker

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>"You know that I will always love you no matter what, do you?" Souji absentmindedly stroked Chizuru's head as the two of them cuddled together in the futon at night, their fingers intertwined. " $\hat{a} \in |$ Yes." Chizuru murmured, her consciousness slowly fading as her eyelids starts to close. " $\hat{a} \in |$ You are not allowed to sleep before me, Chizuru-chan." Souji playfully poked Chizuru's cheek. However, Chizuru's steady and soft breathing was her only reply.

Souji gazed lovingly at Chizuru's sleeping form, a single tear tracing his cheek as he reminisced about the past. Chizuru was such a gentle and beautiful woman, who was unusually strong in her own way, and annoyingly stubborn at times too. \_If only I realize my feelings for you earlier, \_Souji removed his hand from Chizuru's loosen grip before he stroked Chizuru's cheek tenderly.

\_If only I have more time… \_Souji knew well that to be able to wake up to another morning was no less a miracle for him. His tuberculosis was eating his life away and he understands that the time of his death will arrive soon. The few months with Chizuru was a blessing given to him and Souji cherished these time spent with

gratitude.

Souji slowly lifted his gaze up to the lone wooden table in the corner of their room, ensuring his letter addressed to his beloved is in plain sight. That letter, full of gratitude for the love and care Chizuru showered him with and the love that he reciprocated and felt wholeheartedly for, dedicated his truthful feelings for Chizuru. Souji knew that he was unable to give Chizuru the future they both wanted, yet he still stubbornly claimed her. Silently, he vowed that if there ever was a next life, he will dedicate his whole life to Chizuru, again and again.

Slowly, sleep claimed Souji as well, his eyelids felt heavy and his mind slowly fade into oblivion. \_ I love you, Chizuru. \_Souji murmured before slipping into his dreams. In his dream, he watched his life's flashbacks, and the people who are important to him, the Shinsengumi, Kondou, Hijitaka, Saitou, Shinpachi, Sanosuke, Heisuke†and his beloved Chizuru. Souji smiled to himself, not wanting to wake up from this beautiful dream, where the times were fine and everybody was eating heartily together in the Shinsengumi's headquarters.

"Souji-san! Souji-san!" Souji heard someone calling out to him from beyond. "No! Wake up please!" That familiar voice, yelling with desperation was slowly fading too. Souji simply smiled as he understood all too well what was happening. "I am sorry…"

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>"Hmm.. I heard that a girl actually joined our school." Souji twirled his pen while leaning back in his chair. The first day of Souji's year two at Hakuoki Academy has just started and classes have already begun. "Souji, sit properly." Saitou replied sternly. "Let's go down to the freshies' classroom and see, shall we?" Souji's eyes twinkled mischievously. "..Souji Okita, this is only the first day, pay attention!" Hijitaka Sensei grumbled with annoyance at this troublemaker. "Hai, hai."

During lunch, as Souji was casually strolling into the cafeteria with Saitou, a certain brunette caught his eye. Chizuru returned his gaze evenlyâ€| within this eye contact, everything was none too familiar.

"..Looks like I finally found you, huh." Souji murmured to himself, finally being able to keep his promise from centuries ago.

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>AN: I love them so much; Souji deserve very much the happy ending he couldn't get in SSL.

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